

# LATEST NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE DAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

## DISTRICT BOLTERS FOR BALTIMORE

Will Play in Association Tournament.

## BEST WASHINGTON TALENT

Ormsby McCammon, Dr. L. L. Harban, and Other Cracks in Small But Select Company.

Golfers in this section of the country are preparing for the third annual tournament of the Golf Association of Maryland and the District of Columbia, which will be held on the links of the Baltimore Country Club on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

Under an amendment to the constitution, clubs from Virginia and Delaware are made eligible for competition, but so far none has availed itself of the opportunity, and only players from Maryland and the District will compete. It is to be regretted that only a few Washington golfers will compete. The date for the tournament, however, has been set for rather early, and many members of the three local clubs are out of the city on their vacations.

### Dr. Harban Practicing.

The District men who will compete, however, are representative of some of the best players in the District, and comprise Dr. Lee L. Harban, captain of the Columbia Golf Club, who won this event last year, and who has captured all of the tournaments of any consequence held in the District for the past two years. He is looked upon as the man the winner of the tournament will have to beat. He has been practicing for over a week with Dr. William S. Gray, of Chevy Chase, and his brother, Walter S. Harban, of Columbia, and is in as good form as ever.

The members of the Columbia Golf Club who will accompany Dr. L. L. Harban are his brother, Walter S. Harban, J. C. Davidson, A. S. Matting, E. D. Carus, James Baird, T. P. Morap, T. C. Dodge, Benjamin Woodruff, L. W. Weaver, George A. Weaver, and F. O. Bennett.

There is a sole golfer who is sure to compete from Chevy Chase. He is Ormsby McCammon, considered the best man in the club. It may be that one or two others will decide to represent Chevy Chase at the last moment, but Mr. McCammon is the only one who has conclusively decided to play.

### Washington Club Entries.

From the Washington Golf Club Capt. E. M. Talcott and R. E. L. Yellott will try for prizes. Along with them two other players will probably go, but their names cannot be learned at present.

More prizes will be given this year than heretofore. In addition to the championship trophy, to be held for one year, the winner will receive a handsome silver cup, about twenty-four inches high. A cup of the same design, but somewhat smaller, will be given the runner-up. A three-handled loving cup, on a base, will be awarded the player turning in the lowest score in the qualifying round. The second eight will be sent to the "Evening Herald" for a match play. The eight players defeated for the championship will continue play for the "Evening Herald" trophy, and eight defeated for the members' cup to continue play for the consolation cup.

September 15-20 a. m.—Qualifying round at eighteen holes, medal play. Best sixteen scores to qualify for the championship. Second sixteen to qualify for members' cup. Cards must be returned by 1:30 p. m. The low score cup will be given for the best score in this round.

2:30 p. m.—First round for championship and members' cups, eight-hole match play. The eight players defeated for the championship will continue play for the "Evening Herald" trophy, and eight defeated for the members' cup to continue play for the consolation cup.

September 16-20 a. m.—First eight-hole round of finals for championship. Finals for members' "Evening Herald" and consolation cups.

2:30 p. m.—Semifinals for championship, members' "Evening Herald" and consolation cups.

September 17-20 a. m.—First eight-hole round of finals for championship. Finals for members' "Evening Herald" and consolation cups.

2:30 p. m.—Completion of finals for championship.

All day—Competition for handicap cups presented by Baltimore Country Club, eighteen holes, medal play. Players in this event must be paired only with other players entered for the same competition, unless otherwise specially authorized by the members of the executive committee.

Players in the finals for the various cups may also count their scores for the handicap cups, provided all medal rules have been observed in play. In the case of styles a player may replace his ball at the spot played from and replay his ball for his medal score.

The Baltimore Country Club has extended the privilege of the course clubhouse to all players entered for either the championship or handicap events, for the entire year prior to the opening of the tournament.

## ROCKVILLE NEWS ITEMS.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Sept. 12.—At a business meeting of the members of the Baptist Church at this place, held after church service yesterday, it was definitely decided to build a new house of worship.

After considerable discussion a motion was adopted whereby seven members were appointed as a soliciting committee and empowered to solicit and receive contributions for the purpose, as well as empowering each and every member of the church to solicit and receive contributions to the same.

The committee appointed is composed of the pastor, Rev. Thos. H. Campbell, Messrs. J. H. Shaw and Samuel B. Hane, Jr., Mr. Beall, Mr. George C. Lewis, Mr. Josephine Key, and Mrs. Lucy Garrett.

Indications are that by next spring everything will be in readiness for the beginning of the work. One member of the church, the Hon. Spencer C. Jones, has pledged a contribution equal to whatever amount all the other members are able to raise by direct or indirect contribution.

## IN COLORADO TRAIN WRECK.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.—E. E. Wilson, known to his friends as "Shorty," known, who was in the horrible wreck on the Denver and Rio Grande road in Colorado, returned to Conynville, and has been busy shaking hands and receiving congratulations from his friends on his lucky escape.

## Remarkable Record Of Ex-Washingtonian

Prof. John S. Crossley Has Been in 300 Sack Races and Never Lost—Fifty-three Years Old, But Mighty Spry.

In Prof. John S. Crossley, better known among his friends as "Jack" Crossley, Washington may boast of being the home of one of the most remarkable athletes ever born.

At present Prof. Crossley is instructor of Hamilton College, New York, of which Elihu Root and Representative Sherman are graduates, and has now under his direction three sons of the latter.

Prof. Crossley has run in over three hundred sack races and has never been beaten. For eleven years he was the star tumbler of Barnum & Bailey's circus, and was one of the fast 100-yard men of the '80's.

### The Genial Professor.

Never was there an athlete in Washington who enjoyed more popularity than the genial professor. For four or five years he was instructor of the old Columbia Athletic Club, the strongest independent organization in the history of the District, and one of the best in the country during its prime. Prof. Crossley has trained scores of crack athletes of the old club, many of whom are now among the most prosperous business men of Washington.

Now fifty-three years old, he is as spry as a youngster of eighteen, and stronger than fourteen out of fifteen average men. Standing five feet six and a quarter inches in his stocking feet, he tips the beam at 130 pounds, every pound of it good solid muscle. To-day he can draw himself up on a bar above his head and do a handstand, he can do an aerial somersault, and as a sack racer has never had an equal in any part of the world.

### Sensational Record.

His record of performances in sack races is the most sensational in any sport. To run in over three hundred races and win them all seems hardly credible. Prof. Crossley has not confined his races to this country, but has won in Berlin, London, Vienna, and Budapest. He runs with a queer choppy

step, resembling the "chop stick" step of a soubrette singing a Chinese song, and is able to cover ground very fast. In this way he always steps on the bottom of the bag. He has been known to run in a bag made of mosquito netting without tearing it, so perfectly has he mastered the art.

As a sprinter Prof. Crossley was one of the best men of his day. He is credited with having done 100 yards in 9½ seconds. In those days the distance was timed by a watch instead of a stopwatch. He was also fast at 220 and 440 yards, but established no such good mark as in the 100-yard dash.

### Invented Double Somersault.

As an acrobat he was in the limelight for sixteen years, being employed in circuses. For eleven years he was with Barnum & Bailey, and is said to be the first man who ever turned a double aerial somersault, doing the turn from the back of a horse and an elephant. He was then billed as the premier acrobat of the "greatest show on earth." His feat at that time caused such a sensation that he was requested to perform before many notables of Europe, including King Edward of England, then Prince of Wales, and Queen Christina of Spain. He has performed in England, France, Spain, Hungary, and Austria, and in every big city of the United States. After all these years of strenuousness, he is probably as well preserved a man at fifty-three as any man of the United States at his age. His latest feat was to win the sack race held at the Labor Day games at the Benning race track.

### Still an Enthusiast.

"I am still an enthusiast over athletics and will always be," says Prof. Crossley.

Since the professor has partly retired from active participation in athletics, he has put in his time teaching others, and has been athletic instructor of some of the best clubs in the country, including the Orange Athletic Club, of New Jersey, the Washington Athletic Club, of Washington, and Hamilton College, of New York, where he now trains the students for all branches of sport, including boxing, wrestling, running, putting the shot, throwing the hammer, jumping, and indoor work.

## KID MCCOY HOLDS ONE UNDER COVER

A. L. Erlanger, a Business Man of New York.

## CAN DO SOME FIGHTING

Hoosier Believes He Can Best Some of the Present Day Boxers.

When Kid McCoy was out in Baltimore City some time ago, some one asked him whether he had ever been bothered by an amateur or forced to defend himself in sparring with a novice. The Kid, who is nothing if not frank in discussing boxing, replied:

"I have boxed a number of professionals, and I cannot say that I have met more than one man who made me hustle to keep from taking the count. That was an amateur in New York, named A. L. Erlanger.

### Has Done Some Work.

"He has boxed for several years with Harry Harris, the Chicago featherweight, who, by the way, developed Philadelphia Jack O'Brien into a crackjack, and he had a good working with Jack Cooper until he got too fast for his instructor.

"I went into Cooper's place in New York a few days before coming West, and Mr. Erlanger asked me to box with him. I consented, supposing, of course, that he would give an exhibition of sparring such as amateurs are usually content with when facing a professional of the bunch's order.

"You can judge of my amazement when Mr. Erlanger, who has a chest like a barrel, just stuck it out and came at me like a whirlwind. He was the best two-handed puncher I ever saw outside of crack professionals, and he passed out a shower of blows that kept me blocking and stalling for all I was worth.

"I came back at him good and hard, but he just shook his head and looked for more, until we were both tired.

### Good Business Man.

"He really made me extend myself, and when one considers that he is a hardworking business man, with the cut of one of the greatest firms of the kind in the country on his shoulders, it is marvelous where he gets his strength and speed and bulldog determination.

"Yes, there is one amateur who can put a whole lot of the hefty professionals to the bad, and do it right off the bat. He certainly is the best business amateur with his hands I have ever encountered.

Bob Hillard and Capt. Stewart M. Brice are two big, slashing boxers, but they are not in it with Mr. Erlanger."

Harry Harris, who has taken many of the Erlanger punches, says amen to this.

## New Music Institute.

A new feature will be added to the musical world of Washington this winter, in the opening of the Washington College of Music, under the direction of Mr. Sydney Lloyd Wright, one of the most practical and modern men of affairs in this country. This college of music, based upon large experience at home and abroad, after long study of the best and defects of the musical study everywhere, will be one of the most complete as well as novel and modern that can be found. The faculty is composed of the best-known American musicians and with such a leader as Mr. Reginald Dekoven, the pupil is sure of rapid advancement.

## MILLION YARDS OF SCOTCH WOOLLENS

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## FITZSIMMONS' LION SAT ON BANQUET TABLE

Fistic Phenom Said He'd "Go Newport Crowd of Idle Sports One Better."

## ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 12.—"I'll go to Newport crowd of sports one better," said "Bob" Fitzsimmons, as he placed his pet lion in the center of a table which was spread at the Berkeley

In-Cafe for a party of twenty. "They didn't invite me to attend any of the feasts at which they toasted monkeys," added the freckled fistic phenom; "but any of the ladies and gentlemen are welcome to dine with me and Senator Reynolds when I give another lion banquet."

Mr. Fitzsimmons was entertaining a score of friends and members of the theatrical company with which he is playing.

The lion occupied the center of the table throughout the dinner. He behaved admirably, never making a lunge for any of the tempting meats or pastries of which he is so fond.

## EIGHT PEOPLE DROWNED IN STEAMER COLLISION

The Columbia, an Upper Delaware Boat, Runs Down Launch on a Cruise.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 12.—The upper Delaware steamer Columbia last night crashed into the steam launch Cricket, containing twelve men and women, grinding it to pieces and drowning seven, and probably eight of the occupants.

All in the launch were Philadelphians, and the accident occurred just off the line which separates Andalusia from Torresdale. It is believed that several of the launch's occupants were crushed under the paddle wheels of the steamer.

Only four of the twelve occupants of the launch are known to have been rescued. It is reported that one other swam ashore.

Captain Campbell, of the Columbia, says the accident was caused by a small boat, he says, came in front of his bow, and in making a sudden swing to evade this boat, he sent his steamer crashing into the launch.

## HEAD ON RAIL TIES; DRAGGED QUARTER MILE

TITUSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 12.—Henry Rupersberger, twenty-seven years old, was killed while endeavoring to board a freight train to ride from the outskirts into town.

His foot slipped through the stirrup of the car, and he was dragged a quarter of a mile, head downward, on the ends of the ties.

## JONADAB INITIATION.

The regular meeting of Centennial Council No. 4, Sons of Jonadab, at the hall of the council, was held Saturday evening to witness the initiation of new business men. Under the head of the good of the order, addresses were delivered by William B. Young, J. J. Riley, Joseph Yenny, J. W. Jordan and others.



## MICHIGAN PLAYS WITH COLUMBIA

Teams Meet in New York on Thanksgiving Day.

## WESTERNERS RECONCILABLE

Champions of Their Section Agree to Conform to Eastern Rules.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Michigan University's football eleven, champions of the West, are to play in this city with Columbia on Thanksgiving Day at American League Park.

The game has been arranged after months of discussion which involved the athletic powers and faculties of both institutions. It will be the first time in the history of college football for a Western team of consequence to play in this city, and since the Yale-Western contest, it is the first game between colleges of the two sections.

## CHANGES ARE MADE IN GOLF TOURNEY

Was Walter Travis' Defeat Due to These?

Critics Think Former Champion Can Defeat Him at Thirty-six Holes.

Is the United States Golf Association to be charged with vacillation in its policy toward amateur championships?

The question becomes a natural inquiry in view of the conditions under which the recent Baltusrol tournament was played made the sixth change since 1895. The result of that tournament was to take the title away from Travis, admittedly the best amateur exponent of the sport in America, and give it to a college boy who, while possessing a marked ability, cannot be regarded as Travis' superior in any department of the game.

### Travis' Defeat.

Was Travis' defeat due to the game he played or the conditions under which he played it? These conditions called for two days of medal play, a total of fifty-four holes. Thirty-two were allotted to qualify, and these thirty-two met at eighteen hole match play, except the finals, which were at thirty-six holes.

It was argued that had Travis been permitted to play Orniston thirty-six holes instead of eighteen he would have won. "They didn't invite me to attend any of the feasts at which they toasted monkeys," added the freckled fistic phenom; "but any of the ladies and gentlemen are welcome to dine with me and Senator Reynolds when I give another lion banquet."

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## ARMY CANDIDATES MAKE IMPRESSION

Much Good Material in One Class.

## HAVE GRADUATE COACHES

Three Crack Men Lost From Team, But Strong Nucleus Is Left.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Sept. 12.—In answer to the call of Captain Graves, ninety-six men reported on the football field this week.

The new class that entered last June brings a wealth of promising material, forty-seven of the squad coming from this one class. While most of these men lack football knowledge, there are a number who have been prominent on various college teams.

Although the soldiers lost by graduation such men as Hackett, Riley, Farnsworth and Thompson, the outlook is that from the material at hand their places will be ably filled, and the cadets will have a winning team this year.

### Trained by Temple.

Trainer "Jim" Temple, who for the last few years has looked after the physical end of the team, has arrived, and will shortly start the table.

The coaching this year will be taken care of by West Point graduates of football fame that are stationed here.

The head coaches are Lieutenant Hoyt, captain of 1902 team, and Lieutenant Thompson, last year's big guard, assisted by other officers, and Cadet "Charlie" Daly.

Until the middle of October the cadets' practice time will be curtailed by drill, Wednesday and Saturday being the only days any amount of work can be done.

The first game will be with Tufts College here October 1.

## Personal Comment on Men and Things in the Field of Sports

The Abe Attell-Eddie Randall bout at St. Louis has fallen through.

Jack Clifford, of California, knocked out Kid Fredericks, of Buffalo, in nine rounds, at Great Falls, Mon., last week.

Eddie Haney, the downtown lightweight, is likely to be the first opponent of Bob Russell, the English lightweight, who is now in this country.

Billy Reynolds, manager of Dave Holly, is trying to get a match for Holly against Joe Gans in San Francisco, Holly to take Joe Walcott's place.

Efforts are being made to induce Billy Rodenhuch, the New York amateur heavy-weight boxer, to turn professional, but he has no desire to take up boxing for a living.

It is rumored that John A. Drake and John W. Galt, the turfmen, have lost \$150,000 this season trying to break the bookmakers, and they are about to retire from racing.

At Stroudsburg, Pa., there is a strong sentiment in favor of securing the Monroe County Agricultural grounds for the exclusive use of baseball and other field sports, and giving up the fair, which for several years back has been a failure.

On September 15, at Butler's handball alley, Plymouth, Pa., a match game of handball will be played for \$100 a side and the championship of Pennsylvania, between James Brennan and John Crooke, of Plymouth, and Daniel Walsh and John Walsh, of Plains.

Patrick Fitzgerald, of Newcastle, Del., has issued a challenge for a purse of from \$50 to \$100 for the quail championship of the Eastern States at 500 to 1,000 points.

Prominent sportsmen of Chester, Pa., have organized a club and consumed a deal by which they have been able to purchase a plot of ground along the river front on the New Jersey shore, by living there one day a year and keeping up the taxes the members can secure a gunners' license at the resident price of 50 cents, instead of the \$10.50 required of a non-resident. The club numbers thirty members.

Because of the difficulty to secure dates with clubs, caused by so many of them disbanding, the Potomac Bass Association decided last night to disband for the season. The members of the team will, however, keep together the remains of this season, under the management of Perry Thacker. The Potomac club played 35 games, won 64, lost 31, and tied one.

While sliding into second base at Potteryville, Pa., yesterday, James McIntyre, catcher for the Keystones, who was trying to stretch a single into a two-bagger, was seriously hurt. Seeing the play would be close, he plunged

into the bag like a catapult. The force of impact threw the baseman off his feet and he fell upon McIntyre, smashing two of his ribs and otherwise injuring him.

The Athletics lead Chicago by 4 points and Cleveland is 2 points behind Comiskey's men.

Harry G. Oxtedick, who has been catching for the Fort Wayne club in the Central League all summer, has been loaned to the Cleveland club for the balance of the season.

James Elliott, a veteran horseman, who was injured in a kick at Bathing on Thursday last, was reported yesterday to be in a critical condition. The report that Rock County has the best in several years. The chief complaint is that the birds were slaughtered too extensively in the beginning of the season, not being given a chance to fatten in the fields. "Red birds have so decreased in numbers in York county that the gunner who bags two or three birds at a single shot considers himself lucky."

The Athletics play their last home game Friday.

## CREDIT FOR MR. WELLER.

To the Editor of the Washington Times: Dear Sir:—I note in your generally excellent report of our field day at the college that I was the originator of public playgrounds for Washington city. This is a mistake.

Charles F. Weller, the efficient secretary of the Associated Charities, and a high authority on sociological matters, first realized the necessity for playgrounds, and, with Mrs. Weller, started at their own expense a small playground in the "cor of Neighborhood House. Soon thereafter, during an interview with President Roosevelt, the latter urged Mr. Weller to endeavor to have grounds opened in the various parts of the city. Mr. Weller then consulted the District Commissioners, Major Sylvester and others, who also strongly favored the project, and these gentlemen were asked to meet and discuss the question. At this meeting the committee on public playgrounds was organized and was made chairman, which position I have since held.

I would also mention that the credit for the success of the field day next Saturday is entirely due to T. W. Burkhalter, the competent supervisor of playgrounds, whose good work during the last summer is so well known and appreciated. Very respectfully, CUNO H. RUDOLPH.

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